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**METRO NORTH RAILROAD EMPLOYEE ARRESTED
AND CHARGED BY U.S. IN ALLEGED BRIBERY PLOT**

DAVID N. KELLEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, announced that THAN-HO NGUYEN, a Metro North employee, was arrested today at the Metro North train yard in Croton-Harmon, New York, and appeared in White Plains federal court on a criminal Complaint charging him with bribery. NGUYEN is a carman at the Metro North train yard facility.

According to the Complaint, NGUYEN claimed to have strained his back while working at the Metro North facility and demanded to be compensated for his injuries. The Complaint alleges that NGUYEN offered a \$15,000 cash bribe to a Metro North employee if she would authorize the settlement of his claim for \$85,000.

According to the Complaint, at a secretly recorded meeting on February 10, 2005, NGUYEN told the Metro North employee that after he received the settlement check he would deliver to her \$15,000 in cash. The Complaint further alleges that on February 18, 2005, NGUYEN accepted the check and was arrested as he left the employee's office.

NGUYEN, 32, of New Windsor, New York, appeared before United States Magistrate Judge MARK D. FOX, who set bail in the amount of \$10,000 personal recognizance bond.

Upon conviction, the maximum penalty for the bribery charge is 10 years' imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000, or twice the gross gain or loss resulting from the crime.

Mr. KELLEY said that the arrest was the result of a joint effort by the United States Attorney's Office and the Metropolitan Transportation Authority, Office of Inspector General.

The charges contained in the Complaint are merely accusation, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty.

Assistant United States Attorney PERRY CARBONE is in charge of the prosecution.

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